



The State's Voice on Mental Illness

MEMO TO: MHSOAC
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FROM: NAMI CALIFORNIA
PURPOSE: Feedback on MHSA Implementation Issues

1. NAMI California is pleased to report that as a collaborating partner (along with The California Institute of Mental Health, The California Network of Mental Health Clients, and United Advocates for Children and Families) of Working Well Together, we have been awarded a three year contract from DMH. The contract is to develop a Technical Assistance Center to help counties in the recruitment, preparation, hiring and support of clients and family members as employees in the public mental health system.
2. NAMI California is helping NAMI National in the collection of information for their Grading the States (GTS) 2008 project. NAMI National has asked us to help identify individual consumers and family members who have compelling stories to tell and who are willing to talk to NAMI GTS 2008 authors and/or local media (after the report is released). This can also include providers, policy makers, community health centers, state hospitals, ERs and others within and without NAMI who can shed light on what is happening in our state.

If you would like to participate or can recommend someone you think should participate, please send me your/their name and contact information. Thank you for your assistance with this national project.

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